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FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE MONDAY, OCTOBER 7:

Q: COULD YOU TELL US FROM YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE VISIT TO CUBA OF SENATORS JAVITS AND PELL WHETHER YOU REGARD THE RECEPTION THEY GOT AS A KIND OF SIGNAL TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT; AND, IF SO, HOW YOU MIGHT RESPOND TO SUCH A SIGNAL?

A: WE HAVE, I THINK, A RATHER CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT TO THE PROBLEM OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA. WE ARE ALSO DISCUSSING THIS MATTER IN INTER-AMERICAN FORUMS; AND THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN QUITO, EARLY IN NOVEMBER, TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF OAS SANCTIONS. WE WILL PROCEED, FIRST, IN THE INTER-AMERICAN FORUMS TO DISCUSS THE VIEWS OF OUR COLLEAGUES; AND THEN WE WILL FORM

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A JUDGMENT AS TO HOW TO PROCEED THEREAFTER. (END Q AND A).

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